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NEGOTIATIONS

1. AT HIS REQUEST, JAN ORZESKO, A SECOND SECRETARY IN THE POLISH EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS, CALLED ON THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING A NEW INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT. MR. ORZESKO'S QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON TWO PRINCIPLE SUBJECTS: 1) DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND EC POSITIONS AND 2) PROBLEMS INVOLVING FINANCING OF INTERNATIONAL RESERVE STOCKS.

2. AS CONCERNS THE FIRST POINT, AGATT BRIEFLY REVIEWED THE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS AND THE BASIC U.S. OBJECTIVES, AS EXPLAINED IN STATE 010506. IN ADDITION, AGATT EXPLAINED U.S. AND EC VIEWS ON INDICATOR VERSUS FIXED MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM
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PRICES. WE ALSO BRIEFLY DISCUSSED THE U.S. POSITION REGARDING THE INCLUSION OF FEED GRAINS IN A NEW IWA.

3. AS CONCERNS THE SECOND POINT, ORZESKO THOUGHT THE COSTS FOR STOCKING ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE QUITE EXPENSIVE AND WONDERED HOW THEY WOULD BE FINANCED. AGATT REPLIED THIS WAS ONE OF THE SUBJECTS CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION.

ORZESKO DID NOT KNOW WHY POLAND WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, BUT SPECULATED POLAND WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO HELP PAY FOR INTERNATIONAL RESERVE STOCKS GIVEN THE COUNTRY'S CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES. HE ALSO WONDERED ABOUT THE POLITICAL IMPACT OF SUBSTANTIAL INTERNATIONAL RESERVE STOCKS BEING HELD IN CERTAIN PRODUCING COUNTRIES LIKE THE UNITED STATES, CANADA AND AUSTRALIA.

4. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ABOUT POLAND'S DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN A NEW IWA, ORZESKO SAID, AT PRESENT, POLAND PREFERRED TO COVER ITS GRAIN IMPORT REQUIREMENTS THROUGH BILATERAL AGREEMENTS. HE ALSO MENTIONED POLAND HAS LAUNCHED A LONG-RANGE PROGRAM DESIGNED TO SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE DOMESTIC GRAIN PRODUCTION.
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